

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favourable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In accordance with the Examiner's requirement claim 2 has been amended so that each word is definite and particularly points out and distinctly claims the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, It is respectfully submitted that the claims 2 through 21 as amended now meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by Lubben et al. The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by Baumann et al. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 22 through 27 as being anticipated by Staufner. The Examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

The applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 and accordingly claim 1 is now directed to a dispenser having at least three feed assemblies. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon are patentable over Lubben et al., Baumann et al. and Staufner.

The Examiner has stated that claims 2 through 21 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claims and intervening claim. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate three feed assemblies, a key feature of claim 2. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure in light of some formalities. It is respectfully submitted that these are due to scanning errors since the copy of the application as filed does not include such errors. However, the Applicant has resubmitted the paragraphs identified by the Examiner.

The Examiner has noted that the claims refer to a "feed assembly" while the disclosure refers to "stage assembly". Accordingly applicant has revised the first paragraph in the DETAILED DESCRIPTION to clearly show that these terms were used interchangeably.

Applicant submits that the amendments to the application are to more clearly and succinctly recite and claim the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by these amendments and all the amendments are supported by the original specification as a whole.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, which is requested.

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